

past 3 decades. He was the president of Business Watch Network and the Paradise Valley Lions Club. Paul also serves on the Board of Directors for SafeNest, the Boulder Dam Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Police Athletic League of Southern Nevada. Paul has also served on the Governor's Commission on Nuclear Projects and the City of Las Vegas Audit Oversight Committee.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor my good friend Paul Workman. His contributions to both the Nevada business and civic communities are commendable and I wish him continued success.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MAURY DOBBIE

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the entrepreneurial spirit of Mrs. Maury Dobbie and congratulate her on receiving the Small Business Administration's Women in Business Champion Award.

At the age of 19 Mrs. Dobbie started her first business and began a life of entrepreneurship that would eventually lead to the establishment of five different companies. Mrs. Dobbie currently owns MediaTech Productions, a multimedia production company in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Over the years, Mrs. Dobbie has served as President of the Women's Economic Development Council and has garnered recognition from a number of prestigious organizations. In 2005, Mrs. Dobbie was recognized as the Businesswoman of the Year by Office Depot in its annual recognition of the nine top businesswomen in the nation. She has also been honored as the first female recipient of the Emerging Entrepreneur Award in northern Colorado and was named the Woman Leader of Excellence in 1995. I am particularly impressed by Mrs. Dobbie's establishment of the Young Women of the West program. This program fosters entrepreneurship among female high school students and encourages these young women to begin their own businesses.

Mrs. Dobbie currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation. In her role as CEO, Mrs. Dobbie dedicates her time to strengthening existing employers, supporting expansion projects and marketing northern Colorado to new employers. Prior to her appointment as CEO, she served as both a board member and chairperson of this organization.

In addition to her many professional accomplishments, Mrs. Dobbie has selflessly dedicated her time and talents by serving on the boards of a number of civic organizations including the United Way, Rotary and Hope Lives Cancer Center. She has also served on the advisory board of Front Range Community College. As a second degree black belt, Mrs. Dobbie has even earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic Taekwondo team. Mrs. Dobbie is married to Steve Dobbie and has two grown children.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to represent Mrs. Dobbie in Congress. Her entrepreneurship and commitment to strengthening the

economy of northern Colorado are a demonstration of the American spirit and a testament to the American dream. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the varied accomplishments of Mrs. Maury Dobbie.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1867) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes:

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Chairman, lately it seems as if science itself has been under attack. This Administration seems determined to choose policies that fly in the face of scientific consensus. They have ignored science on the issue of stem cell research, abstinence-only education, and mercury pollution. On climate change, the White House went one step further. The Bush Administration hired a Big Oil lobbyist to edit documents produced by climate scientists in an effort make climate change science seem less certain. These acts have caused some in the scientific community to lose faith in our government.

I believe H.R. 1867, the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2007, will help restore that trust. The bill will provide \$21 billion for the National Science Foundation over the next three years to fund critical scientific research.

Mr. Chairman, I have seen how crucial this funding can be right in my own district. The Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University, a key unit of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, has worked in partnership with the National Science Foundation to facilitate new discoveries and fundamental breakthroughs in Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences that are critical for advancing the understanding of the Earth's dynamic systems.

This work has allowed for a better understanding of volcanoes, earthquakes, and geologic faults. Lamont Doherty has also furthered our understanding of the effects of global warming by mapping massive sub-glacial lakes in Antarctica and studying their role in the loss of ice sheets. The Observatory has also developed new geochemical techniques to allow the mapping of past ice sheets which will help us better understand how the ice sheets on Greenland and Western Antarctica will react to increased global temperatures.

Now, more than ever, it is essential we increase our understanding of how our planetary systems interact and function as a whole. By providing the funds the NSF needs, we are investing in research vital to our national interests. Hopefully, we are also sending a signal to the scientific community that their work is essential to us as policy makers and to us as Americans.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

LEE HOOD, RECIPIENT OF THE 2006-2007 SCIENCE EDUCATION ADVOCATE AWARDS

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lee Hood for the many accomplishments he has made in his work with science and biotechnology. In April, Mr. Hood was awarded the 2006-2007 Washington State LASER Science Education Advocate Award for an individual.

The Science Education Advocate Award is given to individuals and organizations who exhibit outstanding advocacy for science education among the general public, or in the education system. Mr. Hood has repeatedly shown that he is an advocate for science education and has put into action his belief that academics have four major responsibilities: scholarship, education, transfer of knowledge to society, and community leadership.

Mr. Hood is the director of The Institute for Systems Biology in Seattle. In 1992, he helped establish the University of Washington's Department of Molecular Biotechnology. In addition, he helped to establish several other programs at the University including the Partnership for Inquiry-based Science, and The Family Science program.

Providing quality education is key to increasing America's competitiveness and creating a skilled, 21st century workforce. Today, Mr. Hood is helping to give our students the opportunity to excel in scientific studies by encouraging the scientific community to support quality science education.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Lee Hood for his outstanding work as an advocate for science education. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Hood on this great achievement.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1867) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, 2010 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes:

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to support the McNerney-Giffords amendment. This amendment establishes a new competitive grants program specifically for Hispanic-serving Institutions at the National Science Foundation.

I would like to thank Representative MCNERNEY and Representative GIFFORDS for their leadership in offering this amendment, which will increase opportunities for so many undergraduate students. This amendment will focus attention on the need to involve more Hispanic students in the science field by creating a specific program for Hispanic-serving Institutions to receive infrastructure development funding.